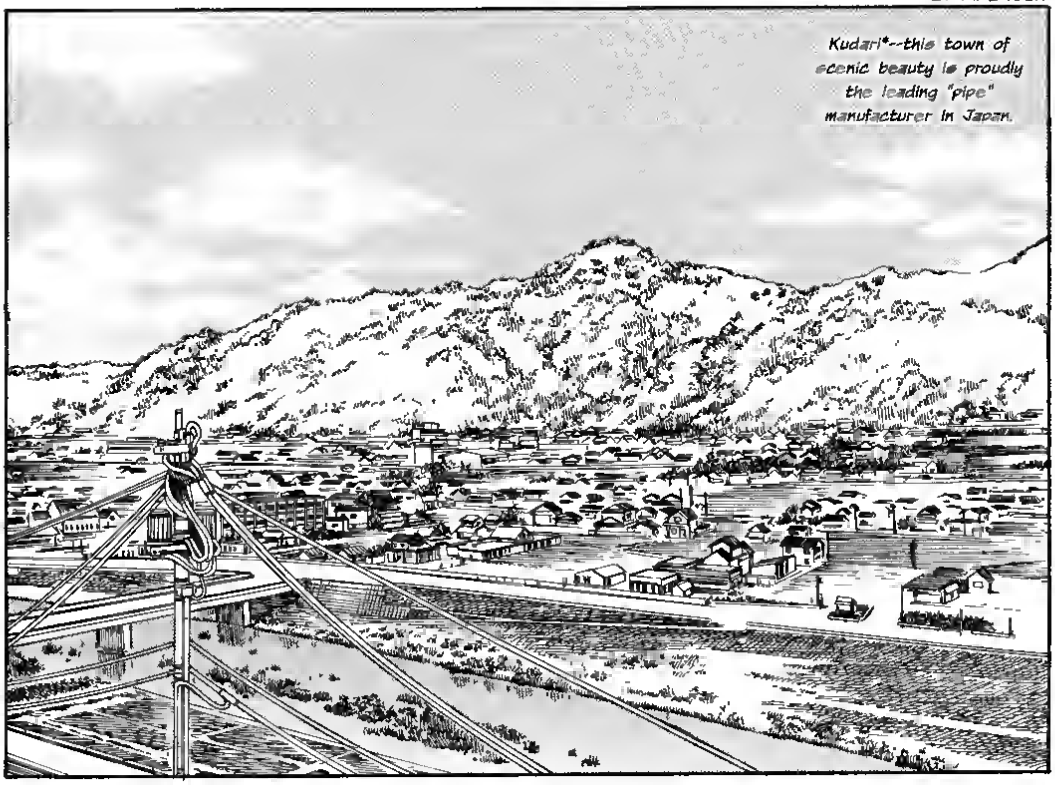
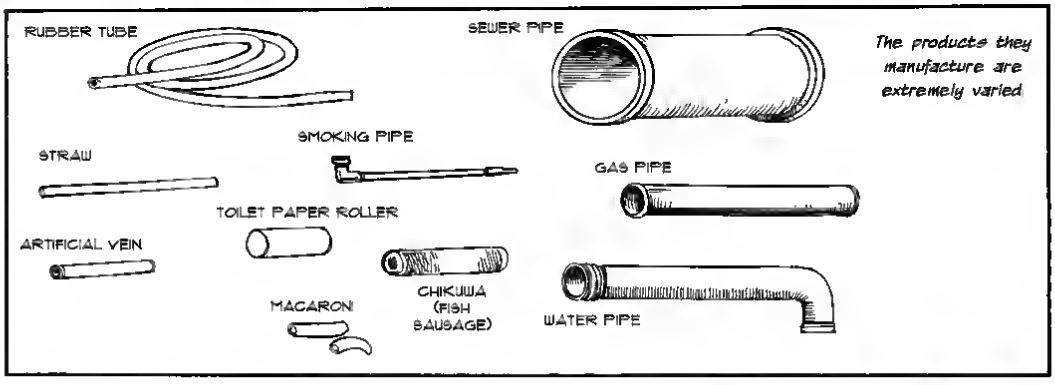
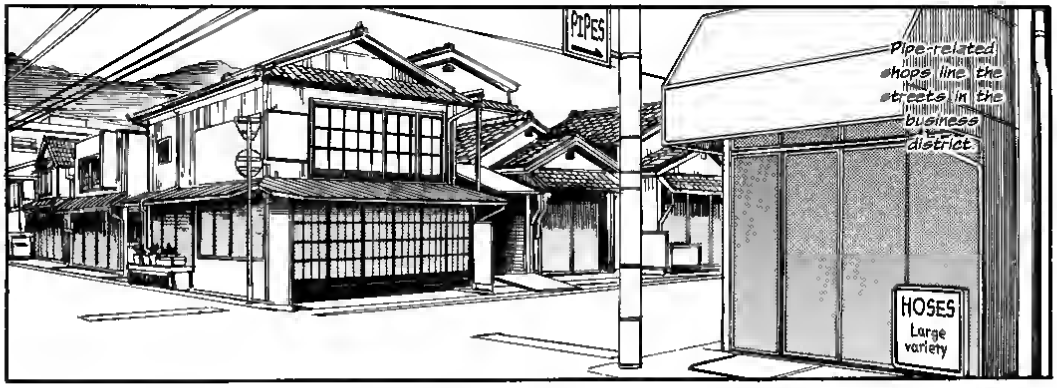
"PIPES"


Kudari*--this town of scenic beauty is proudly the leading "pipe" manufacturer in Japan.

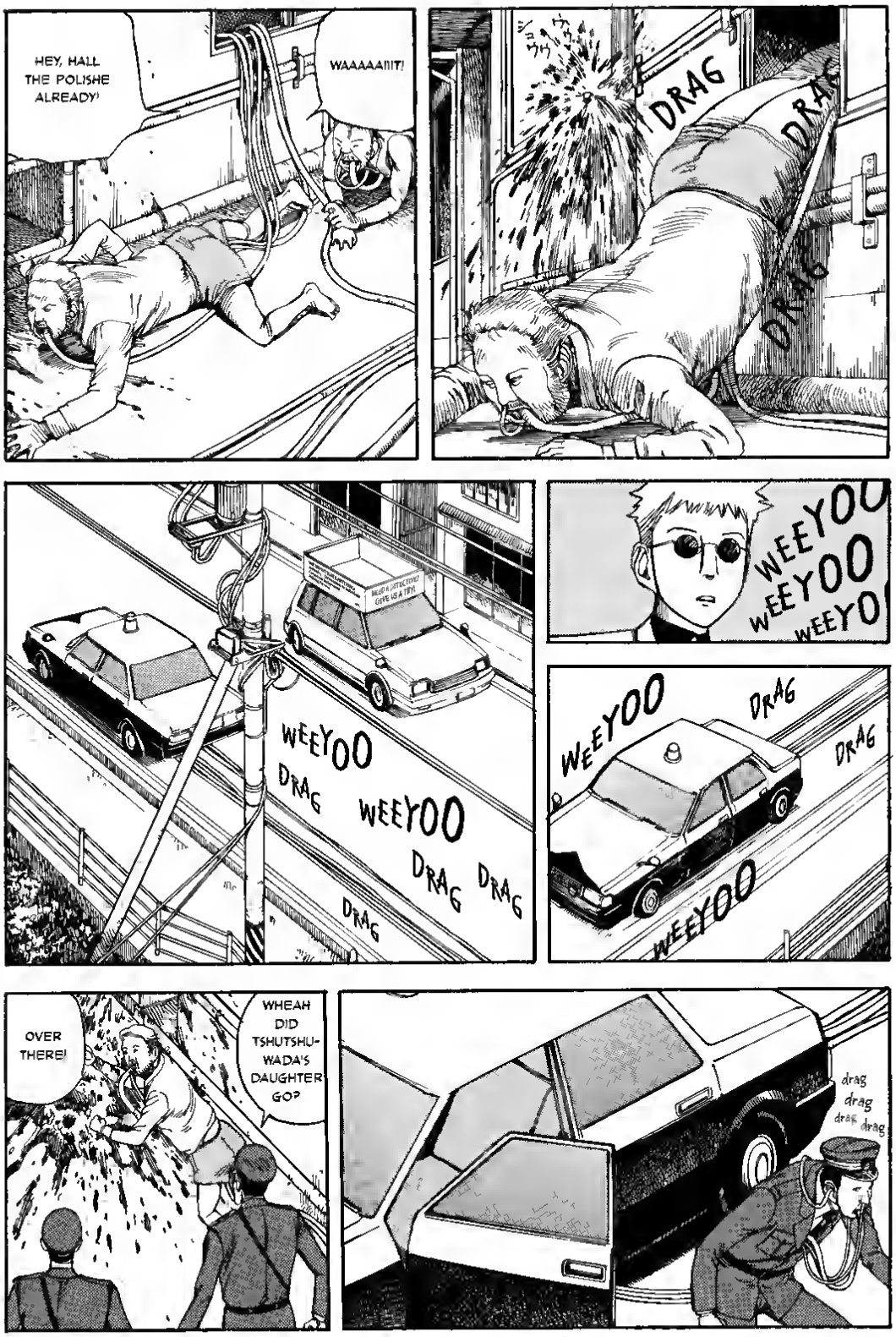

RUBBER TUBE
SEWER PIPE
The products they manufacture are extremely varied
SMOKING PIPE
STRAW
GAS PIPE
TOILET PAPER ROLLER
ARTIFICIAL VEIN
CHIKUWA (FISH SAUSAGE)
MACARONI
WATER PIPE


PIPES
Pipe-related shops line the streets in the business district
HOSES
Large variety

I HAVEN'T SEEN A SINGLE PERSON WALKING AROUND
FOR THE BIGGEST PIPE MANUFACTURER IN JAPAN, THIS PLACE SEEMS PRETTY DEAD
NEED A DETECTIVE? GIVE US A TRY!
IS ANYONE HERE?
UMMM HELLO?
PIPES
Various types
EXCUSE ME, COULD I BOTHER YOU FOR SOME DIRECTIONS?
A HUSH-TOMER?
?
HOW CARELESS, LEAVING THEIR STORE WIDE OPEN LIKE THIS
I HAN'T REALLY MOVE RIGHT NOW!
JUST SHLIDE THE HASH IN THIS PIPE!
PLEASE DO NOT JUSHT TAHE OUR PRODUHTSH!
OH? DO YOU WORK HERE?

YEAH, I KNOW HIM!
TSHUTSHU-WADA, YOU MEAN THAT OLD HOOT!
I'M LOOKING FOR MR TSUTSUWADA, FROM THE EARTHEN PIPE FACTORY...
NO, YOU SEE, I'D LIKE TO GET SOME DIRECTIONS...
TSHUTSHU-WADA?!
AHHHH, SHO IRRITATHING!
AND THAT DAMN DAUGHTER OF HISH!
HUH?! NO, HE REQUESTED I TAKE CARE OF A JOB FOR HIM...
YOU AREN'T ONE OF HIS FRIENDSH, ARE YOU?!
WHAT BUSHINESSH D'YOU HAVE WITH TSHUTSHUWADA?
NEED A DETECTIVE? GIVE US A TRY!
WHY ARE RURAL TOWNS LIKE THIS ONE ALWAYS SO EXCLUSIVE?
NOW SHRAM!
PIPES We got everything!
WELL, I GOTH NOTHING TO THELL YOU, THEN!

HM? WOW, THERE'S ACTUALLY SOMEONE OUTSIDE FOR ONCE
SHUKK
?
AHHHH, YOU BITCH! YOU REALLY DID IT THIS TIME!
DON'T LET HER GET AWAY!
STOP!


HEY, HALL THE POLISHE ALREADY!
WAAAAAIIIT!
DRAG
DRAG
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WEEYOO
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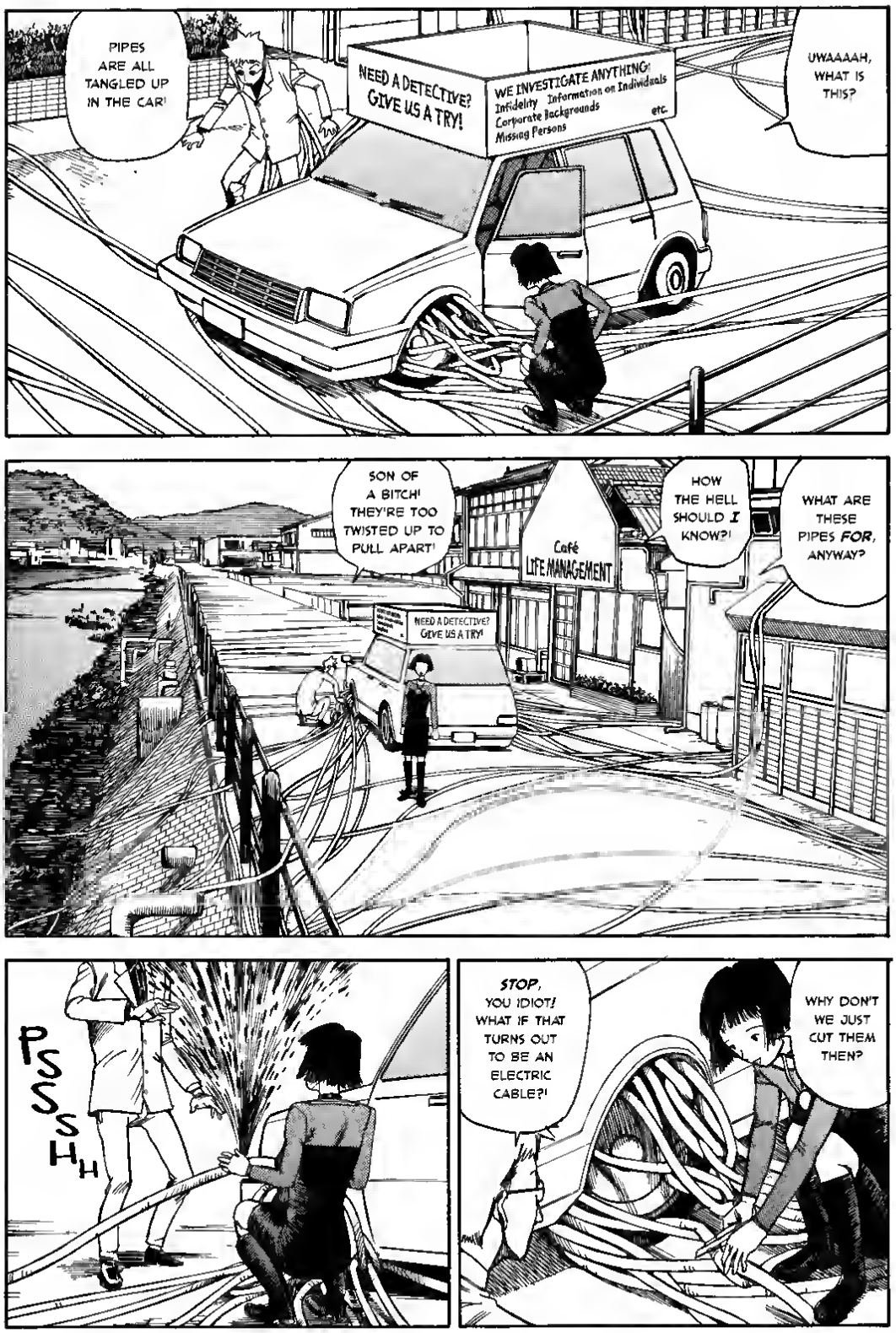
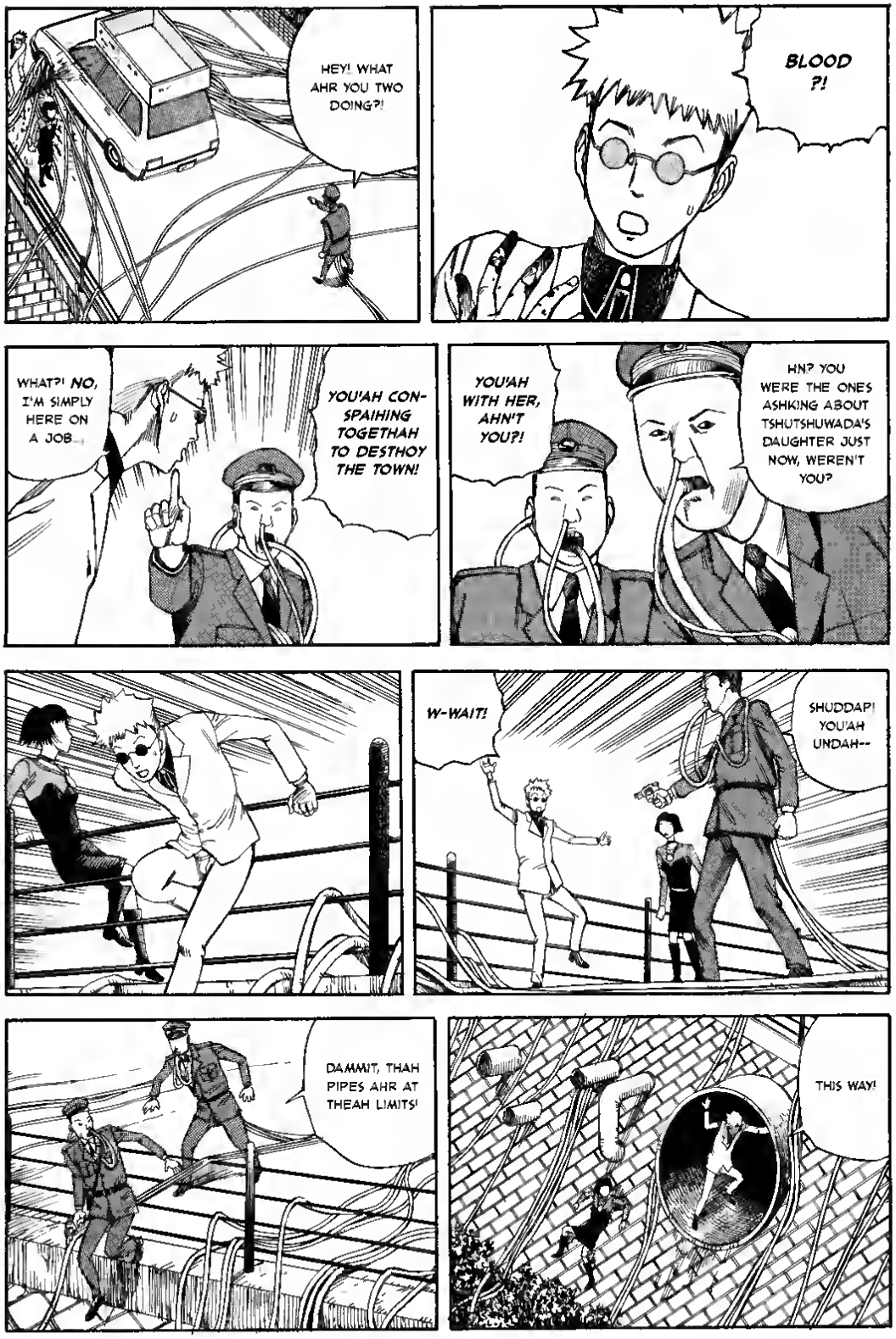
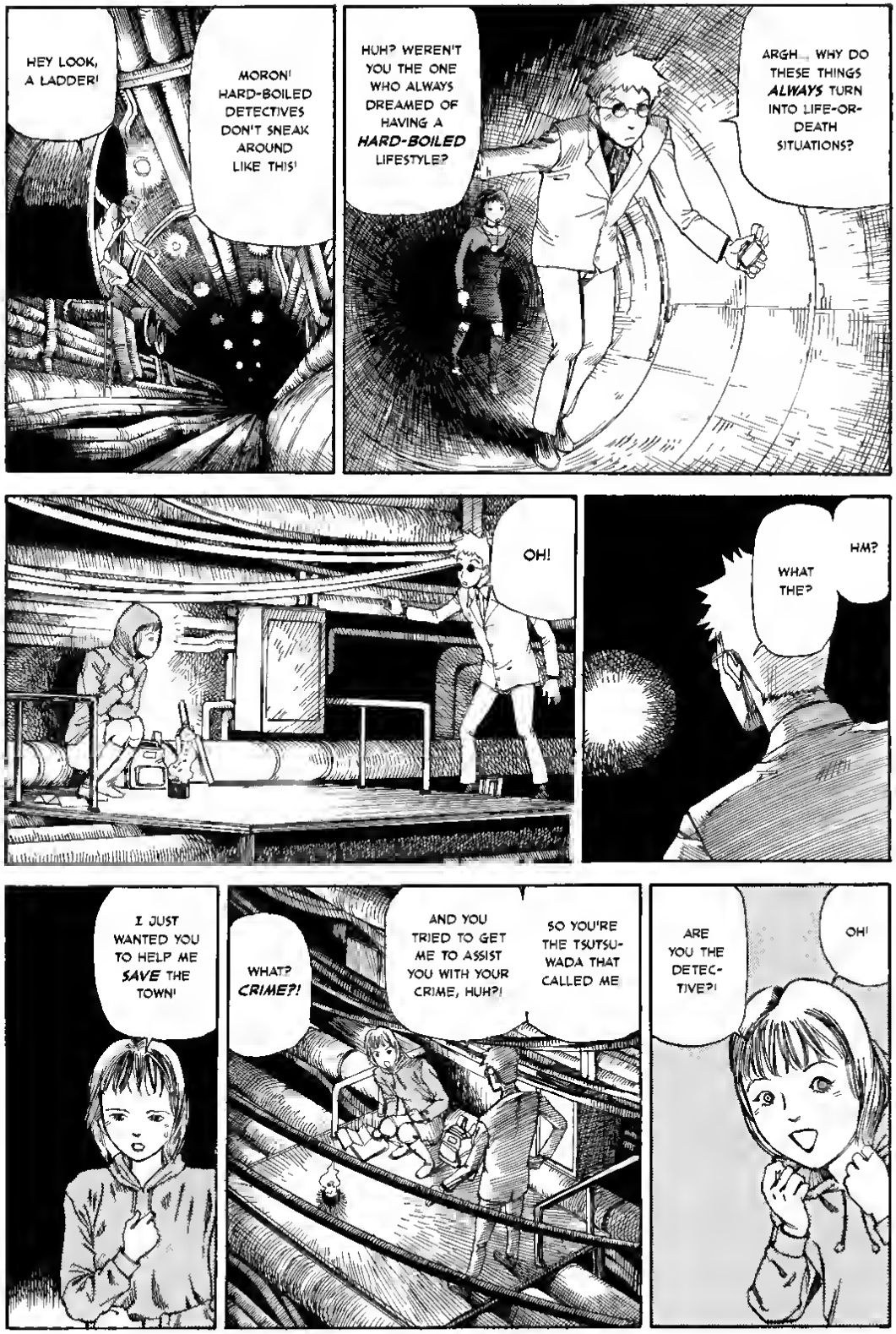
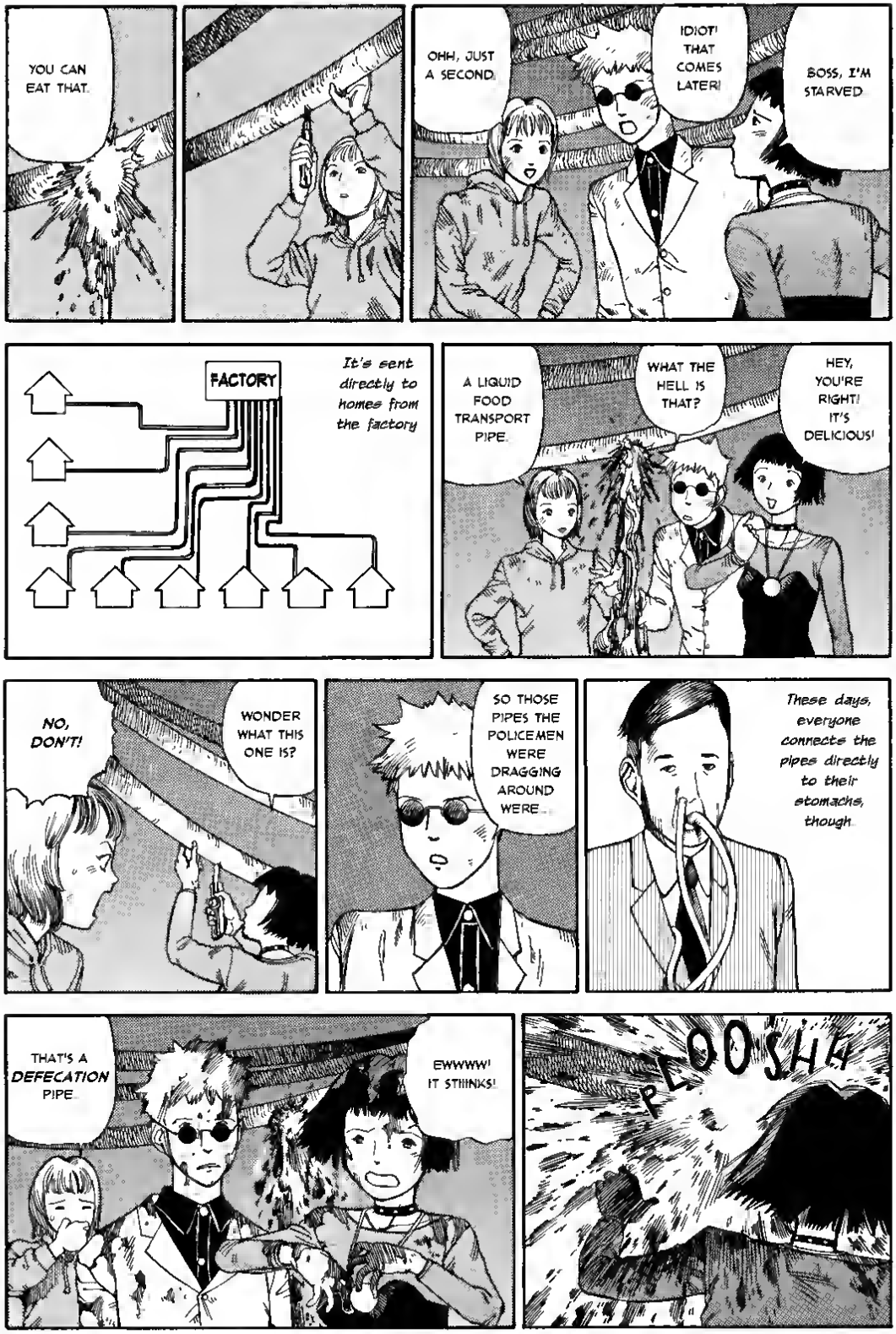
DRAG
DRAG
WEEYOO
DRAG
DRAG
WEEYOO
DRAG
DRAG
OVER THERE!
WHEAH DID TSHUTSHU-WADA'S DAUGHTER GO?
drag
drag
drag
drag

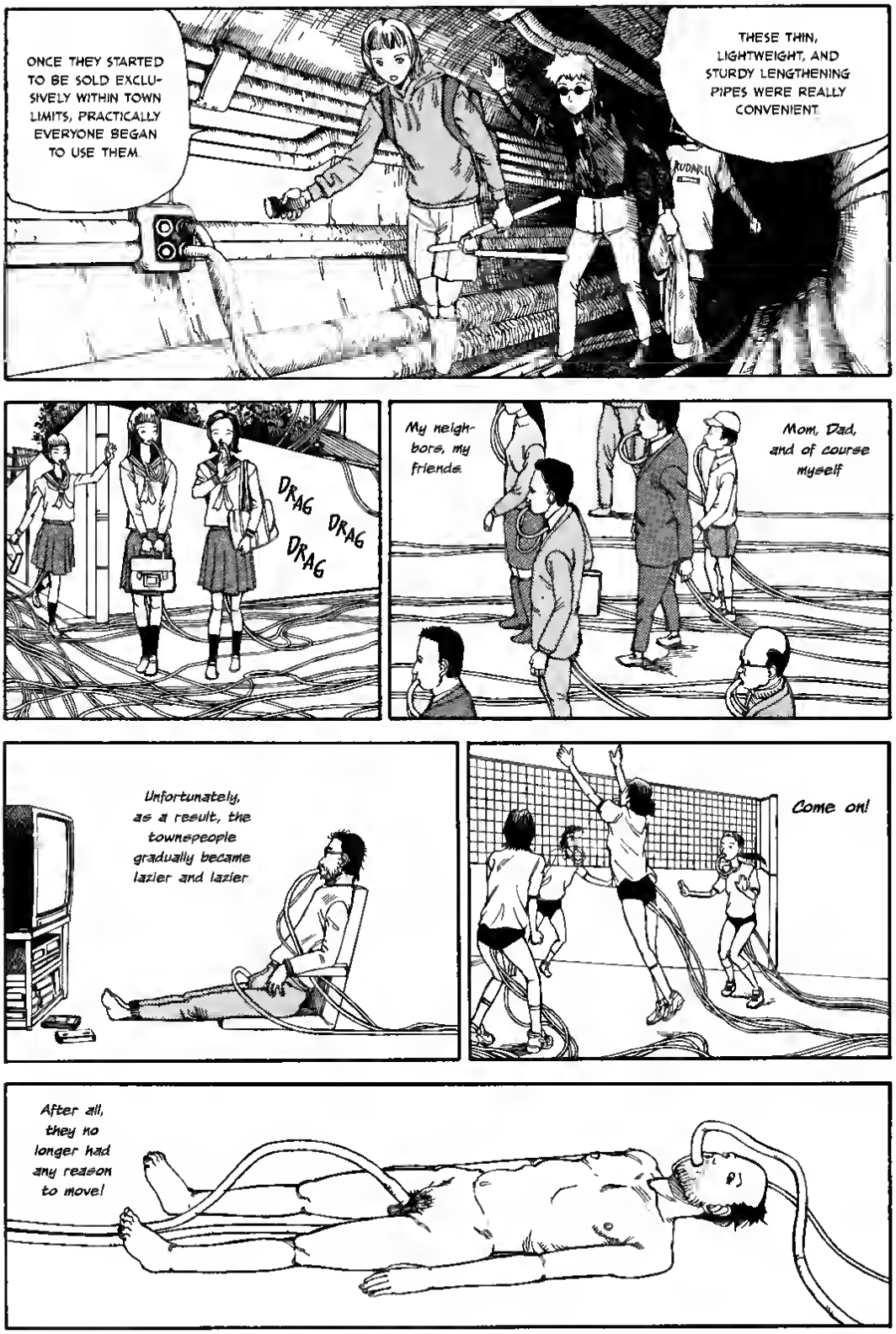
AND NOW SHE'S STAHTED TAHGETING PEOPLE'SH HOMESH!
THAT GIHL JUSH NOW HASH BEEN GOING AHOUND CUTTING UP THE PIPESH IN TOWN!
twee
twee
shoo
shoo
WHO AHR YOU?
EXCUSE ME, OFFICER, DID YOU SAY TSUTSUWADA JUST NOW?
THAT GIRL MUST HAVE BEEN OUR CLIENT.
TSUTSU-WADA'S DAUGHTER
crunch
crunch
crunch
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
BESIDES, POLICEMEN WITH PIPES HANGING OUT OF THEIR MOUTHS LIKE THAT CAN'T POSSIBLY BE NORMAL ANYWAY!
HELL NO! THERE'S NO WAY I'M FIGHTING AGAINST THE POLICE AGAIN!
HUH? YOU'RE NOT GONNA TAKE THE JOB?
NEED A DETECTIVE? GIVE US A TRY!
SKREEK

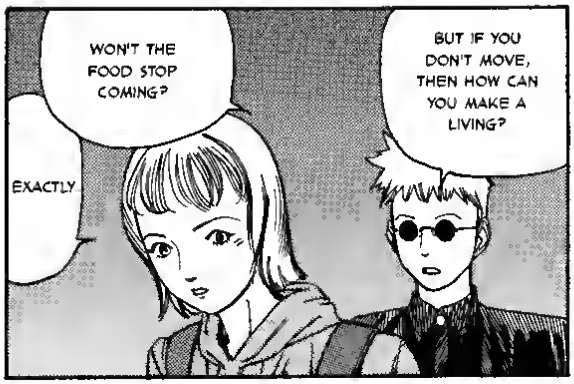

PIPES ARE ALL TANGLED UP IN THE CAR!
NEED A DETECTIVE? GIVE US A TRY!
WE INVESTIGATE ANYTHING!
Infidelity Information on Individuals
Corporate Backgrounds
Missing Persons
etc.
UWAAAAH, WHAT IS THIS?
SON OF A BITCH! THEY'RE TOO TWISTED UP TO PULL APART!
Café LIFE MANAGEMENT
HOW THE HELL SHOULD I KNOW?!
WHAT ARE THESE PIPES FOR, ANYWAY?
NEED A DETECTIVE? GIVE US A TRY!
PSSSHH
STOP, YOU IDIOT! WHAT IF THAT TURNS OUT TO BE AN ELECTRIC CABLE?!
WHY DON'T WE JUST CUT THEM THEN?

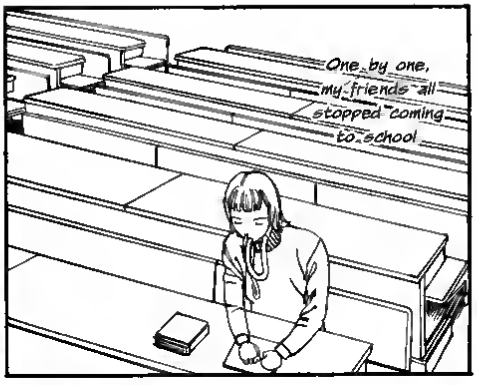

HEY! WHAT AHR YOU TWO DOING?!
BLOOD ?!
WHAT?! NO, I'M SIMPLY HERE ON A JOB...
YOU'AH CON-SPAIHING TOGETHAH TO DESTHOY THE TOWN!
YOU'AH WITH HER, AHN'T YOU?!
HN? YOU WERE THE ONES ASHKING ABOUT TSHUTSHUWADA'S DAUGHTER JUST NOW, WEREN'T YOU?
W-WAIT!
SHUDDAP! YOU'AH UNDAH--
DAMMIT, THAH PIPES AHR AT THEAH LIMITS!
THIS WAY!

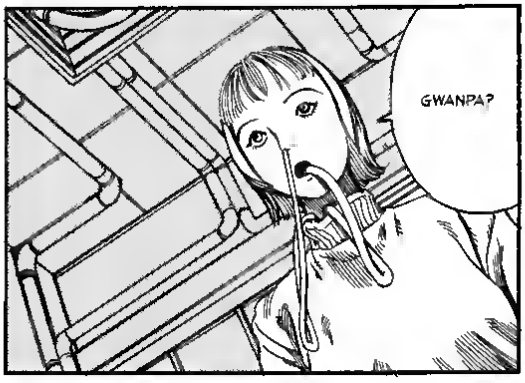

HEY LOOK, A LADDER!
MORON! HARD-BOILED DETECTIVES DON'T SNEAK AROUND LIKE THIS!
HUH? WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO ALWAYS DREAMED OF HAVING A HARD-BOILED LIFESTYLE?
ARGH... WHY DO THESE THINGS ALWAYS TURN INTO LIFE-OR-DEATH SITUATIONS?
OH!
HM?
WHAT THE?
I JUST WANTED YOU TO HELP ME SAVE THE TOWN!
WHAT? CRIME?!
AND YOU TRIED TO GET ME TO ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR CRIME, HUH?!
SO YOU'RE THE TSUTSUWADA THAT CALLED ME
ARE YOU THE DETECTIVE?!
OH!

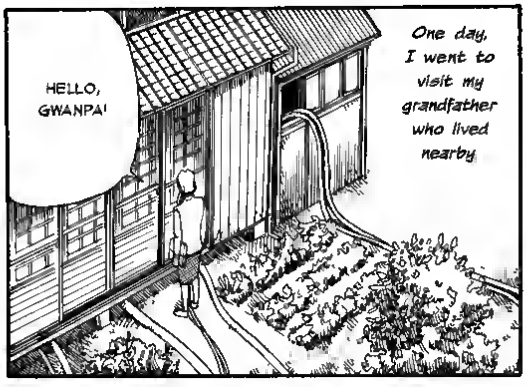

YOU CAN EAT THAT.
OHH, JUST A SECOND.
IDIOT! THAT COMES LATER!
BOSS, I'M STARVED.
FACTORY
It's sent directly to homes from the factory
A LIQUID FOOD TRANSPORT PIPE.
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
HEY, YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S DELICIOUS!
NO, DON'T!
WONDER WHAT THIS ONE IS?
SO THOSE PIPES THE POLICEMEN WERE DRAGGING AROUND WERE...
These days, everyone connects the pipes directly to their stomachs, though.
THAT'S A DEFECATION PIPE...
EWWWW! IT STINKS!
PLOOSH

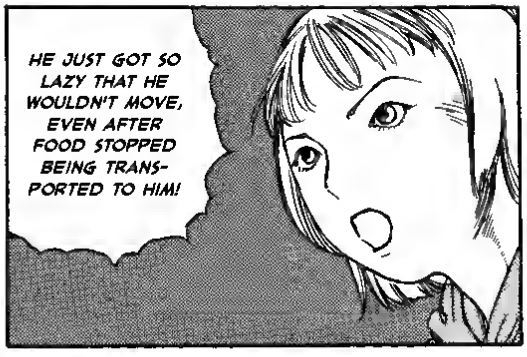

ONCE THEY STARTED TO BE SOLD EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN TOWN LIMITS, PRACTICALLY EVERYONE BEGAN TO USE THEM.
THESE THIN, LIGHTWEIGHT, AND STURDY LENGTHENING PIPES WERE REALLY CONVENIENT.
DRAG DRAG DRAG
My neighbors, my friends.
Mom, Dad, and of course myself
Unfortunately, as a result, the townspeople gradually became lazier and lazier
Come on!
After all, they no longer had any reason to move!

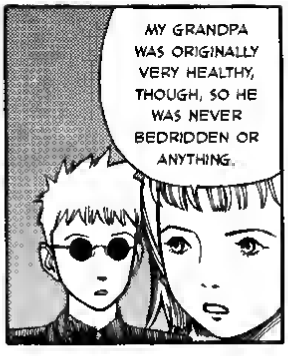

WON'T THE FOOD STOP COMING?
BUT IF YOU DON'T MOVE, THEN HOW CAN YOU MAKE A LIVING?
EXACTLY

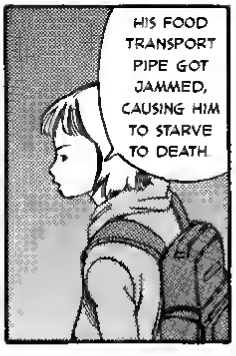

One by one, my friends all stopped coming to school


GWANPA?

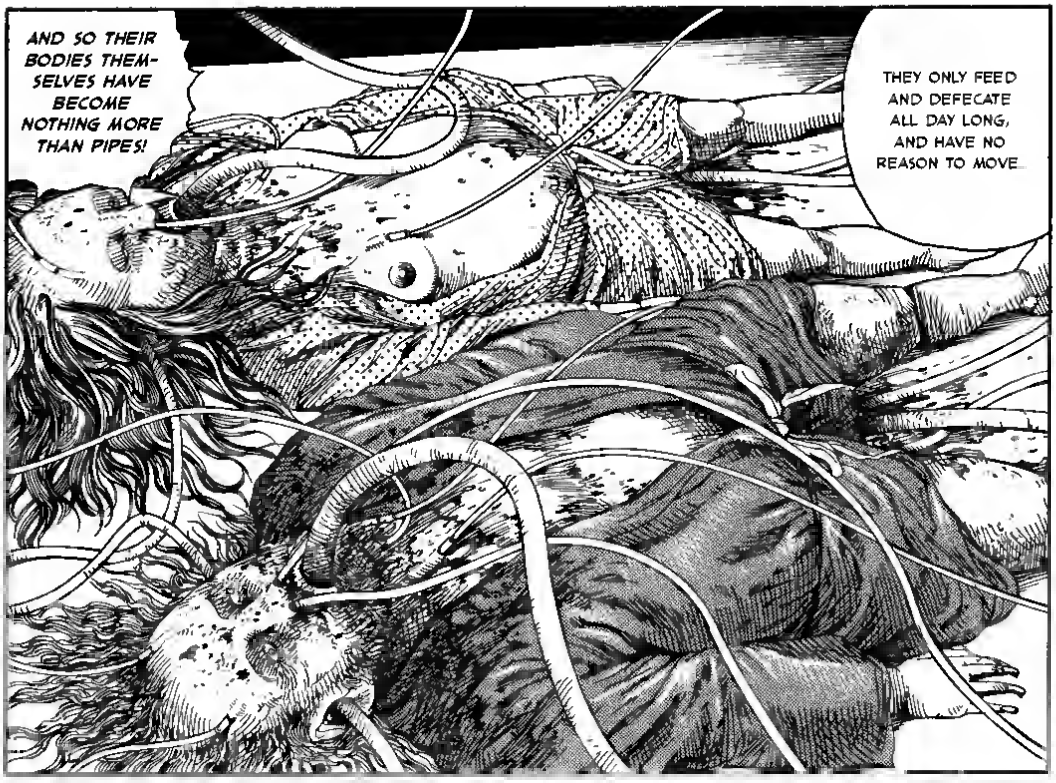

HELLO, GWANPA!
One day, I went to visit my grandfather who lived nearby

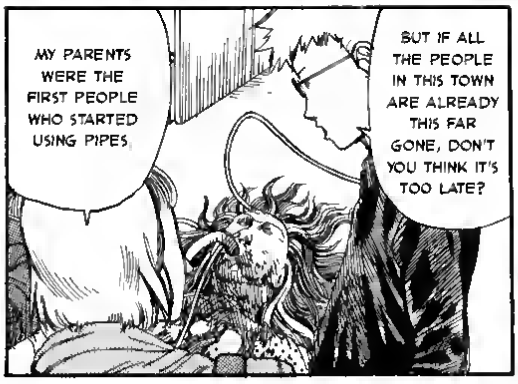

HE JUST GOT SO LAZY THAT HE WOULDN'T MOVE, EVEN AFTER FOOD STOPPED BEING TRANS-PORTED TO HIM!

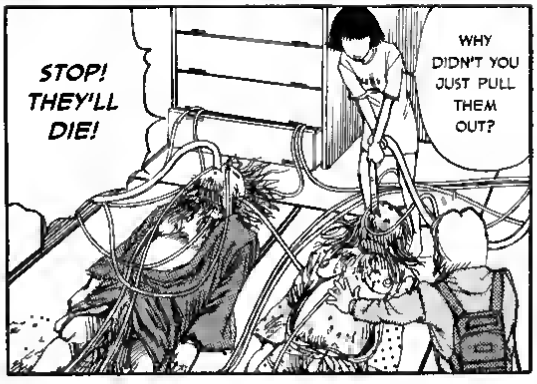

MY GRANDPA WAS ORIGINALLY VERY HEALTHY, THOUGH, SO HE WAS NEVER BEDRIDDEN OR ANYTHING.

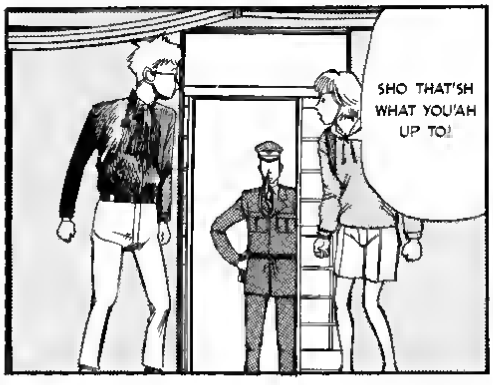

HIS FOOD TRANSPORT PIPE GOT JAMMED, CAUSING HIM TO STARVE TO DEATH.

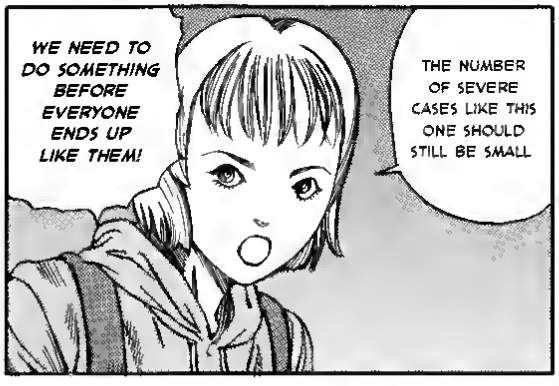
SO THAT'S WHY YOU WERE CUTTING THE PIPES.
I HAVE TO MAKE EVERYONE REALIZE WHILE THEY STILL HAVE THE WILL TO MOVE AROUND!
AT THIS RATE, THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN TO THE WHOLE TOWN!
WAHHH, STOP IT, I SAID!
SHUKK
LIKE THIS!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS PURE DESTRUCTION!
PLEASE, HELP ME!
COME ON UP
THIS WAY
YOU WON'T TRULY UNDERSTAND UNTIL YOU SEE IT WITH YOUR OWN EYES
MEET MY PARENTS


AND SO THEIR BODIES THEMSELVES HAVE BECOME NOTHING MORE THAN PIPES!
THEY ONLY FEED AND DEFECATE ALL DAY LONG, AND HAVE NO REASON TO MOVE.

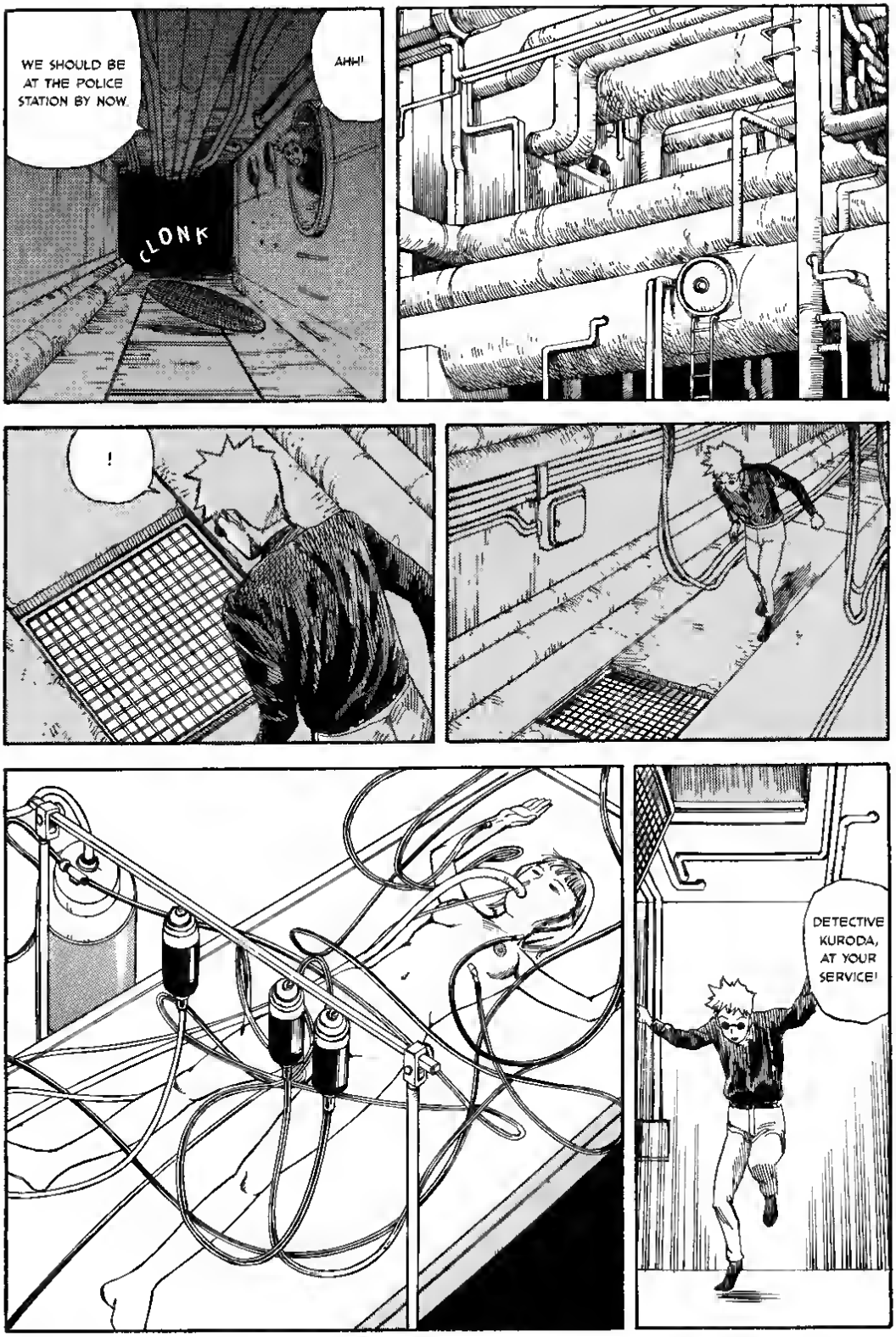

MY PARENTS WERE THE FIRST PEOPLE WHO STARTED USING PIPES.
BUT IF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN ARE ALREADY THIS FAR GONE, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TOO LATE?


STOP! THEY'LL DIE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST PULL THEM OUT?


SHO THAT'SH WHAT YOU'AH UP TO!


WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING BEFORE EVERYONE ENDS UP LIKE THEM!
THE NUMBER OF SEVERE CASES LIKE THIS ONE SHOULD STILL BE SMALL

WE'LL LET YOU GO, SHO HUAHY UP AND LEAVE THISH TOWN AT ONSHE!
NOOO, HELP ME, MR. DETEC-TIIIVE!
WHAT A PESHT!
OH WELL, YOU HEARD THEM! HOW ABOUT WE SHOVE OFF?
KUDARI
WEEYOO drag WEEYOO drag drag
NOW THAT IS TRULY HARD-BOILED!
THE RESCUE OF A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS, IMPRISONED BY AN EVIL MAN!
THIS IS THE REAL WAY A MAN SHOULD LIVE!
I'M HUNGRYYY


WE SHOULD BE AT THE POLICE STATION BY NOW.
AHH!
CLONK
!
DETECTIVE KURODA, AT YOUR SERVICE!

WE'AH WEPLASHING THISH GIHL'S BAD BLOOD WITH GOOD BLOOD.
WHA... WHAT IS THISP!
BATHMP
BATHMP
NO, NO, STOPH! STOPH!
THE HELL YOU WILL! SHE'LL DIE!
IF YOUAH BLOOD IS WEPLASHED, YOU WILL BE REBOAHN!
I'M A MASTER IN THE JIGOKUKEN* MARTIAL ART!
SHTILL HAVEN'T LEAHNED YOUAH LESSHON YET, EH?!

*LIT. HELL FIST

WAHHH! MY PIIIPE!
HOWDY!
SNIK
HEY, WAIT A SHEHOND!
OF COUAHSH..
IS HE DEAD?!
?!
HISH PIPESH WERE LIHE A PART OF HISH BODY
koff
koff
koff
HRGGH
FLABADAP
FLABADAP
HEY!
MR. DETECTIVE...
UUH...
HEY, HANG IN THERE! WE'VE COME TO RESCUE YOU!

POP
WHOA!
HUH?
THE BLOOD SHUHSHION PIPE GOT JAMMED, SO BLOOD JUSHT KEPT FLOWING IN...
WH-WHAT?!
THE RING-LEADER MUSHT BE SHTOPPED!
OH BOY... OUR CLIENT DIED AGAIN...
SHUT UP!
NEED A DETECTIVE? GIVE US A TRY!
WE INVESTIGATE ANYTHING:
MAYBE THE HARD-BOILED LIFE JUST ISN'T FOR YOU, BOSS...
WOOOOSH